

## President's Report November 2023

What a month November is, with the Centenary Kimber Run on the 12<sup>th</sup> and our major VAILO Adelaide 500 parade on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and display from the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Plus Climb to the Eagle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Shannons Adelaide Classic Rally 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

I'm actually drafting this report late in September before heading off on leave, so this report is more of a 'think piece' than news.

So much more than cheap registration! That's the thought that kept running through my head recently when I joined Arthur, Berry and Bev on the subcommittee to review the Club's Constitution, which also reviewed Job Descriptions for various officers and the Club's Activities Booklet.

When our Club began in 1956 it was predominantly focused on competition, with events including Mud Sprints, Navigational Trials, Gymkhanas, and Auto Crosses etc. Motorsport remains a backbone of the Club, and rightly so, and this is emphasised in the objectives of the Club written in 1956 and updated in 1993. But newer members may be missing out on many advantages of their membership. As I said earlier, there's so much more than cheap registration.

The motorsport spine of the Club is well catered for with provision for Come and Try Events, Driver Training, Motorkhanas, Autokhanas, Hillclimbs, Super Sprints, a Regularity Run and the MG Club Challenge against our colleagues in Victoria. Socially there are Parades, Displays, an All MG Day, Concours, Breakfast and Lunch Runs, Observation Runs, a Weekender, the Australian Cecil Kimber Run and annual MG National Meetings in various States by rotation. Add to these our Monthly General Meetings, Register Meetings, Friday Night Noggin 'N' Natter and Tech Nights. Any member can find out what's going on via the MG Motoring magazine, the website and our Facebook page.

We're an active Club and it's important that we don't stand still, which is why in coming months your Committee is going to be thinking about future direction, future events, what impacts developments like electric MGs are going to have on our future, and our demographic. We'd welcome your ideas as input to those discussions.

And to close off on a mundane note, two items of housekeeping: a reminder that any significant new expenditure must have prior approval of the Committee; and anyone borrowing any Club equipment must register it in the Loan Book which hangs on the compactus in the front office.

Safety Fast!

Stephen Marlow  
President